

In RE application of S. KODAMA et al

Serial No.: 10/688,277

Group Art Unit: 2188

For: DIRECT ACCESS STORAGE SYSTEM WITH  
COMBINED BLOCK INTERFACE AND FILE INTERFACE ACCESS

Examiner: G.J. Portka

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.

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X 25	\$
X 100	\$
X 180	\$
Total	\$

OR

OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
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Total	\$

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- ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 50-1417 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ A Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$120.00 is attached in payment of one month extension of time fee.
- ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.
- ☒ Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- ☒ Any Extension of Time fees that are necessary, which are hereby requested if necessary.

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 22, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

A Petition for Extension of Time for one month and the appropriate fee is attached hereto.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendment to the Drawings** begin on page 15 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks / Arguments** begin on page 16 of this paper.

**Appendix** including (annotated drawing sheet, replacement drawing sheet) is attached following page 18 of this paper.